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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH DOBRYNIN

1. I MET WITH DOBRYNIN AUGUST 29. FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF CONVERSATION IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION, EXCEPT THE DISCUSSION OF MY CHINA TRIP WHICH YOU CAN USE WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ILICHEV AS YOU REQUESTED.

2. MIDDLE EAST. DOBRYNIN CONVEYED GROMYKO'S THANKS FOR THE BRIEFING ON THE SECRETARY'S MIDDLE EAST TRIP AUGUST 18. AT THE VIENNA MEETING, GROMYKO WILL DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF PREPARING, PERHAPS BY THE TIME OF THE WASHINGTON MEETING A JOINT US-SOVIET CO-CHAIRMEN'S STATEMENT ABOUT SOME BASIC PRINCIPLES OF A SETTLEMENT, INCLUDING THE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN SELF-DETERMINATION AND STATEHOOD, AS WELL AS
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THE ORDER AND TIME FOR THE RESUMPTION OF A MIDDLE EAST CONFERENCE. THE SECRETARY GAVE HIS REPLY LATER IN THE CONVERSATION, SAYING THAT HE WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE GROMYKO BRING WITH HIM OR TO SEND AHEAD HIS THOUGHTS ABOUT A STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES. THE SECRETARY FELT IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE, BEFORE GROMYKO LEFT WASHINGTON, TO SETTLE ON A DATE OR AT LEAST A MONTH FOR THE GENEVA MEETING, AND SAID

HE THOUGHT DECEMBER WOULD BE A REALISTIC POSSIBILITY.

3. LEBANON. DOBRYNIN ASKED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, AND EXPRESSED CONCERN LEST THE ISRAELIS TAKE MILITARY ACTION. THE SECRETARY REPLIED THAT WE HAD GONE OVER THIS ISSUE WITH THE ISRAELIS, AND HAD RECEIVED COMMITMENTS THAT THEY WOULD NOT TAKE MILITARY ACTION. THE SECRETARY THEN REVIEWED THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE MOST RECENT PLAN PROPOSED BY BOUTROS, THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF LEBANON.

4. ARAFAT. DOBRYNIN SAID HE WOULD KEEP US INFORMED ON THE RESULTS OF THE CURRENT ARAFAT VISIT TO MOSCOW.

5. CHINA TRIP. IN REPORTING ON HIS TRIP TO CHINA, THE SECRETARY SAID THAT IT HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY INTERESTING TO ARRIVE FOLLOWING THE PARTY CONGRESS. HE OBSERVED THAT A NEW SENSE OF SELF-CONFIDENCE COULD BE FELT, FOLLOWING THE SEVERAL TRYING YEARS THAT HAD PRECEDED IT. THIS WAS NOW BEHIND THEM, AND THE LEADERS APPEARED TO BE OF ONE MIND ON HOW TO ATTACK THE PROBLEMS OF THE FUTURE, TO WHICH THEY LOOKED FORWARD WITH OPTIMISM, IN THE LIGHT OF THEIR SUPPORT FROM THE COUNTRY. ONE COULD FEEL EVEN IN THE STREET IMPRESSIONS A SENSE OF A MORE OPEN SITUATION. IN A PRAGMATIC AND LESS IDEOLOGICAL SPIRIT, THE LEADERS WILL CONCENTRATE ON INTERNAL GOALS IN THE NEXT DECADE OR SO,
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RATHER THAN ON FOREIGN POLICY.

A. THE SECRETARY REPORTED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH THE CHINESE SOME INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, INCLUDING THE RECOVERY OF CONFIDENCE IN THE US; A REGION-BY-REGION REVIEW BEGINNING WITH ASIA (LARGELY ON JAPAN AND KOREA), THE MIDDLE EAST (WHERE THE CHINESE KNOWLEDGE HAD BEEN SKETCHY, AND SOME MISUNDERSTANDINGS WERE DISPELLED), POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SECURITY ASPECTS OF EUROPE (WHERE CHINESE INFORMATION ALSO APPEARED TO BE FRAGMENTED) AFRICA (PARTICULARLY NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA, DESCRIBING OUR JOINT EFFORTS WITH THE BRITISH, AND OUR SHIFT TO GREATER COOPERATION WITH THE AFRICANS--THE CHINESE ASKED MANY QUESTIONS AND SHOWED SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT.)

B. AMONG NON-REGIONAL ISSUES, THE SECRETARY REPORTED HE HAD DESCRIBED US EFFORTS TO WIDEN NORMAL RELATIONS WITH AS MANY COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING NORTH VIETNAM, CUBA, ETC. ON THE ISSUE OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION, HE SAID, THE CHINESE TOOK THE SAME POSITION THEY HAD TAKEN DURING HIS PREVIOUS VISIT TWO YEARS AGO. HE HAD SPOKEN ALSO OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE AND OTHER GLOBAL ASPECTS OF US POLICY.

C. AMONG BILATERAL ISSUES, THE SECRETARY SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS, TRADE AND CULTURAL RELATIONS, CLAIM ASSETS, ETC. NO DECISIONS WERE MADE ON THE MATTER OF NORMALIZATION, HE REPORTED, BUT THE DISCUSSION WAS GOOD AND CONTRIBUTED TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S POSITION. IT WAS AGREED TO CONTINUE OUR CONSULTATIONS IN THE FUTURE ON THIS SUBJECT.

D. DOBRYNIN ASKED FOR THE SECRETARY'S IMPRESSIONS OF TENG HSIAO-PING AND HUA KUO FENG. THE SECRETARY REPLIED THAT TENG SEEMED BUBBLING AND VIGOROUS, EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH HIS HAVING BEEN RESURRECTED THREE TIMES; HUA SEEMED THOUGHTFUL, QUIET, WELL-SUITED FOR HIS ROLE AS
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CHAIRMAN. DOBRYNIN SAID THIS CORRESPONDED WITH SOVIET IMPRESSIONS.

6. EMBASSY FIRE. AT THE SECRETARY'S REQUEST, MARSHALL SHULMAN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE SOVIET COOPERATION IN DEALING WITH THE PROBLEMS RAISED BY THE FIRE IN OUR MOSCOW EMBASSY. HE SAID THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARING A LIST OF MATTERS ON WHICH FURTHER COOPERATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT WE WOULD NOT AGAIN HAVE THE AIRPORT CLEARANCE DELAY WHICH HAD MARRED AN OTHERWISE SPLENDID RECORD OF COOPERATION. DOBRYNIN GAVE ASSURANCES THAT HE WOULD BE READY TO HELP IN ANY WAY WE REQUIRED.

7. SALT. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT HE HAD READ WITH CARE THE REPORTS OF THE CONVERSATIONS IN WASHINGTON AND THE TALK GROMYKO HAD WITH SENATOR MCGOVERN, AND THESE HAD ALL REINFORCED HIS CONCERN THAT THE TWO SIDES WERE STILL SO FAR APART THAT THE PROGRESS WE BOTH HOPED TO MAKE AT VIENNA DID NOT YET SEEM WITHIN REACH. HE THEREFORE SUGGESTED FOR SOVIET CONSIDERATION THE POSSIBILITY THAT WE BOTH GIVE OURSELVES MORE TIME, AND THAT WE POSTPONE THE MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS UNTIL GROMYKO COMES TO WASHINGTON SEPT. 22-23. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, THE SECRETARY FELT THAT AN UNPRODUCTIVE MEETING IN VIENNA WOULD NOT BE GOOD FOR EITHER SIDE, AND THAT WITH MORE TIME, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE SOVIET SIDE TO REFLECT ON MATTERS THAT HAD DISCUSSED, AND FOR US TO BE ABLE TO PUT INTO DOBRYNIN'S HANDS WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE NEXT MEETING FOR STAFF STUDY THE RESULTS OF OUR OWN REFLECTIONS- DOBRYNIN RECEIVED THE SUGGESTION WITH EVIDENT PERSONAL RELIEF, AND PROMISED TO GET AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE FROM HIS GOVERNMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE EXPRESSED THE PERSONAL VIEW THAT ALTHOUGH RECENT DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN USEFUL AS AN EXPLICATION OF OUR
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POSITION, HE FELT WE HAD BEEN HEADED FOR ANOTHER DEADLOCK
AT VIENNA. THE SECRETARY GAVE HIM A DRAFT PRESS RELEASE

ANNOUNCING THE DECISION TO SHIFT THE MEETING IN ORDER TO
GIVE BOTH SIDES TIME TO PREPARE THEIR POSITIONS, AND THE
INTENTION OF EACH COUNTRY TO CONTINUE TO REFRAIN FROM
ACTIONS INCONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE INTERIM AGREE-
MENT. THE SECRETARY PROPOSED, IF THE SOVIET UNION AGREES,
TO ISSUE THE PRESS RELEASE SIMULTANEOUSLY ON THURSDAY,
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